Nebraska Wesleyan University

Theatre (B.A.)

Catalog

2026-2027

Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in Theatre is the traditional liberal arts theatre degree that provides students broad-based theatre knowledge in each of the collaborative areas. It prepares students for graduate study, professional theatre careers, and may serve as preparation for law, ministry, or educational careers. It emphasizes cultural understanding, aesthetic sensitivity, and creative skill.

You can also pursue a secondary education supplementary teaching endorsement in theatre.

Students interested in double majoring often select the B.A. degree.

Departments

1. Theatre

Theatre Major (B.A., 37 hours)

Theatre Department Core	12 hours
THTRE 1020FYW/THTRE 1030 Script Analysis	3 hours
THTRE 1300 Acting I	3 hours
THTRE 2500 Directing I	3 hours
THTRE 2700 Introduction to Theatrical Design	3 hours
Theatre History	**6 hours**
THTRE 3800 World Theatre History I	3 hours
THTRE 3810 World Theatre History II	3 hours
Dramatic Literature	**3 hours**

Select 3 hours of Dramatic Literature:

- THTRE 2010 Dramatic Literature: Pulitzer Prize
- THTRE 2020 Dramatic Literature: Tony Awards
- THTRE 2030 Dramatic Literature: American Comedy
- THTRE 2050 Dramatic Literature: Gender and Sexuality
- THTRE 2060 Dramatic Literature: Banned and Censored
- THTRE 2080 Musical Theatre Literature
- THTRE 3000 Shakespeare
- ENG 3710 Shakespeare And Justice
- ENG 3720 Shakespeare and Power
- ENG 3730 Shakespeare and Gender
- ENG 3740 Shakespeare and Identity

Technical Theatre	3 hours
THTRE 1400 Stagecraft or THTRE 1410 Costume Construction	
Theatre Specializations	**10 hours**

Minimum of 10 credits. Must include 6 upper-level hours (3000-level, 4000-level courses).Suggested pathways include:

Acting

- THTRE 1310 Acting II
- THTRE 2300 Acting III
- THTRE 2360 Acting for the Camera
- THTRE 3330 Dialects
- THTRE 3350 Playing Shakespeare
- THTRE 3410 Stage Combat

Dance

- THTRE 1600 Tap 1
- THTRE 1610 Ballet I
- THTRE 1620 Introduction to Musical Theatre Dance
- THTRE 2600 Tap 2
- THTRE 3600 Tap 3
- THTRE 3620 Jazz Dance Intermediate/Advanced
- THTRE 3860 Advanced Dance Techniques

Design & Technical

- THTRE 2710 Theatrical Design Techniques
- THTRE 2720 Scenery and Properties Design
- THTRE 2730 Costume Design
- THTRE 2740 Advanced Make-Up Design
- THTRE 2750 Lighting and Sound Design
- THTRE 3190 History of Period Style
- THTRE 3700 Production Design I

Directing & Management

- THTRE 2160 Stage Management
- THTRE 3160 Theatre Management
- THTRE 3500 Directing II
- THTRE 3510 Directing III
- THTRE 4500 Directing IV

Capstone	**3 hours**

- THTRE 4970 Internship or
- ARHUM 4990 Capstone Project